

# The Missionary Leaguer.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments."

—John xiv. 15.

"Preach the Gospel to every creature."

—Mark xvi. 15.

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### How to Plan our Work and How to Work our Plan.

TO THE EPWORTH LEAGUE OF COBOURG DISTRICT:  
Your missionary vice-president desires to thank the Executive Committee for so kindly arranging the programme for his Christmas vacation. He fully appreciates the thought and time spent in planning for the interests of the district, and his convenience. He regrets that the vacation was not longer, so that the tour might have been extended to every League on the district.

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He also wishes to thank the Leagues (officers and members) and those who so kindly invited him to their homes, as well as those whose warm hospitality he was permitted to enjoy. The hearty co-operation of all whom he met in each League visited, in the work of forming a band to pray daily for missions and pay two cents weekly toward the cost of sending out and supporting a missionary under the direction of the Methodist Church of Canada, to represent the Cobourg District Epworth League, is a prediction of the success for which the Executive Committee pray.

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It is needless to say that your second vice-president expected a welcome from the pastors of the different charges. But he had not counted on the impetus received from the many helpful talks and encouraging words which awaited him at each appointment—nor is he able to reckon it yet, let alone express it. He can only rejoice to think of our pastors who are anxiously watching over their flocks, and prayerfully guiding them in the work. Our young people are doubly blessed—they have the admiration and loving guidance of the fathers and mothers in the flock, with few exceptions, and they have the pastor's most

anxious thought and continual prayers on their behalf. These things will have one of two effects upon us. We will become petted and ungrateful, inactive and grumbling, like sons and daughters brought up in the lap of luxury, or we will with thankfulness appreciate our blessings and use them for the glory of God and the Church. If one be permitted to judge from the work that the young people are carrying on, the latter is the attitude of the Epworth Leaguers of the Cobourg District. Most of the Leagues seem to be a unit in helping our pastors to prosecute the work in which our Church is engaged.

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Who are we? Every true worker "for God and the Church" in our society; that is, we are *one* in all our work. Every one feels his responsibility for each department of our work. But it is necessary, in order to have all departments carried on with equal vigor, to appoint committees to superintend each branch.

By the appointing of a committee we express ourselves (1) as believing the committee necessary; (2) as having confidence in the individual members of the committee appointed; (3) as being willing to act under and with the committee. Otherwise we mock and insult those whom we pretend to honor and trust with office.

Therefore, the Missionary Committee can with confidence proceed to do its work and thus fulfill the trust laid upon it. No member of the committee need feel, when approaching any other member of the League, on behalf of missionary work, that he is doing more than that member as well as all the other members of the League, has requested him to do.

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A Missionary Committee should consist of at least three members—a chairman, a secretary and a treasurer. Careful notes of all meetings of the committee should be kept by the secretary. He should also keep a list of all the members of the League who use the "Cycle of Prayer." The treasurer should hold the two-cent per week roll and keep a careful account of all the money received from this source. At the end of each month a full report of the committee's work should be written out by the secretary of the committee and handed to the secretary of the League. The treasurer or the Missionary Committee should hand over to the treasurer of the League the amount of money received from the two-cent per week system each month, for which he should get a receipt to avoid errors in the amount.

It would be well for the Missionary Committee to divide the roll of the membership of the League, each taking a certain number to look after. Thus if any one neglects to fulfil their promise, or if personal work of any kind is needed to secure the co-operation of each member, it will be quite clear whose duty it is to see after the matter. This division of the members will enable the committee to get as many as possible to promise to pray for and